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EVALUATION                      PLACE OBTAINED                      25X1DATE OF CONTENT                     DATE OBTAINED                      DATE PREPARED 5 October 1954 25X1REFERENCES                     PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)                      25X1REMARKS                     This is UNEVALUATED  
Information

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1. Between 19 July and 27 August 1954, the cantonment between Bohnsdorfer Strasse and Regatta Strasse was occupied by 400 to 500 soldiers wearing red and black service color with signal insignia. Little infantry and physical training was conducted during the period of observation

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2. Between 6 and 16 September, the east section of the barracks installation in Dresden-Weixdorf was again occupied by an estimated 2,000 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets. In August, elements had departed for exercises in Koenigsbrueck from which they returned about 6 September. Between 75 and 150 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets daily received basic training near the installation and at Schelsberg. Training observed included                      exercises at platoon level. Every 6 to 9 months, new recruits, 17 to 18 years old, arrived from the USSR and were organized into training units. After about 6 months of basic training, the recruits were transferred to combat units in the Soviet Zone. Trained personnel received final instructions in the installation before they were shipped to the USSR. Number and strength of the shipments could not be determined because the installation had a spur track of its own.

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3. The west section of the installation in Dresden-Weixdorf was occupied by an estimated 1,000 soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Fifty soldiers wore air force insignia, 50 soldiers signal insignia and 50 soldiers motor transport insignia. Driving school trucks with soldiers wearing black-bordered blue and black-bordered red epaulets were seen en route to and from the installation. 2

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1.  Comment. The installation appeared to be occupied as previously by the signal center of the headquarters of the MVD troops in the Soviet Zone of Germany  25X1
2.  Comment. For location of the barracks installation in Dresden-Weindorf, see Map of Germany, scale 1:25,000, Sheet 4848. The installation is located west of the Koenigswald-Weindorf road. Its east section is located in a triangle formed by the Koenigswald-Weindorf road, the southern perimeter of the Zu Weindorf suburb, south of Seifen-Bach (brook), and the branch line between Seiffts-Teich and the road. The west section includes the buildings at the northeast corner of the airfield north of Klotasche, which were encircled in the north and east by the branch line. The two sections of the installations are occupied as previously. The personnel exchange and training center for MVD troops in the east section is reported for the first time. For  25X1

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